species. The information regarding poaching of deer, wild boar, sambhar, hare and peacock is not compiled and collated at the level of Central Government.

Death of white tiger in Delhi Zoo

4615. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the white tiger born last year in Delhi Zoo is dead;

(b) if so, the reasons for its death; and

(c) the action proposed to ensure increase of white tigers in Delhi Zoo?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Three white tiger cubs born on 16th June, 2000 died on 20-6-2000, 22-6-2000 and 10-7-2000 respectively. The mother disowned the cubs and stopped feeding. All the efforts were made to save the cubs by hand rearing in the zoo hospital. However, all the three cubs developed various complications and died on the dates mentioned above. Measures taken to ensure conservation of white tigers in Delhi Zoo include improved upkeep and better health care of animals.

Forest Development Agencies in States

4616. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only seventeen States have set up Forest Development Agencies so far in their territorial-wildlife divisions;

(b) whether Central Government are persuading the remaining State Governments to develop these agencies, so as to increase forest areas all over the country;

(c) if so, what have been the results of Central Government efforts; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?